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Editorial: Four years of Henry Kissinger is enough!

Suspension

This issue of TRUTH LETTER comes to you both late and early, the reason being that it is a double issue, covering a month, instead of the usual two weeks. It is also, I am sorry to say, the last issue, for the time being, anyway. TL is not folding, yet, but I am compelled to discontinue its publication, temporarily, for reasons of health. I have been in rather poor health for over a year and I'm past retirement age. Even so, I had hoped to be able to carry on for a while yet, but now I must stop. I had a relapse, a week or so ago, and am now under firm doctor's orders to quit working and take at least several weeks' rest. Fact is I haven't had a vacation for years and the stress is beginning to tell severely.

I am hopeful that this doesn't mean the end of TL. During my vacation, I shall be looking around for a partner - call him an associate editor, if you like - who will be willing and able to take over when my health does not permit me to continue. So I am confident that in the near future TRUTH LETTER will again come out, reorganized and revitalized. Needless to say, all unexpired subscriptions will be extended accordingly.

Taking Stock

What I have been saying for years, at first all by myself, later in conjunction with others, is beginning to permeate public consciousness, slowly, but inexorably: The real power behind the string of political assassinations in the US, beginning with the Dallas coup d'état, is the Central Intelligence Agency. Witness a story which has just been published in the National Enquirer of Oct. 15,1972 under the heading: "Robert Kennedy Was Killed Because He Planned New Probe of JFK's Death, Says TOP Lawyer-Pathologist." In it, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht is quoted as saying to a representative of The Enquirer: "I do not believe Senator (Robert) Kennedy was satisfied with the official verdict on his brother's death. If Senator Kennedy had lived and become President, I feel he would have done something from the White House to probe his brother's death further, and I think that is one of the large reasons why the senator was killed."

Other remarkable quotations from this interview include the following:

"I believe the evidence shows conclusively that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone assassin of John Kennedy, that the assassination was the work of a conspiracy, and that the Central Intelligence Agency - the CIA - was definitely involved."

"The more one analyzes the way the autopsy itself was handled, the more one sees that the government's handling of the case was full of irregularities. One of the big problems with the Warren Investigation is that all the information was screened first by the FBI and the Secret Service. Then they arbitrarily selected their witnesses.

"What we know about the assassination today was uncovered mostly by private citizens who spent their own time and money to learn the truth.

"I'm disturbed that the American public has been deceived and that we're treated like children.

"The more I see of the operations of the CIA people the more I'm convinced they're really capable of anything. We know that they have been directly involved in political assassinations and other serious crimes in various nations.

"They're like something out of a James Bond movie. These people have a license to kill.

"I believe the CIA was involved with the President's assassination and I think it was probably in conjunction with the way-out fringe of the political right wing." *

Concurrently with these forthright statements by Dr. Wecht, I received in the mail a copy of the Oct. 2, 1972 issue of the French newspaper L'Aurore which contains a fascinating story of how a French-Spanish soldier of fortune named José Luis Romero was hired in May 1961 by an American diplomat with the cover name of Mike "who obviously worked for certain American intelligence services," as the article puts it, for the purpose of killing President Kennedy on the occasion of his May 31, 1961 state visit to Paris. The plot was for Romero, a top marksman and a member of the OAS (the French Secret Army which, at the time, was fighting President De Gaulle over Algeria) to shoot Kennedy from a high building along the parade route, as he sat in an open car next to De Gaulle, by means of a powerful rifle equipped with an infrared telescope.

The idea - a truly diabolical one, worthy of the CIA - was to pretend that Kennedy had been killed by accident, the OAS-man's ostensible target being the hated De Gaulle. Thus all tracks leading to the real instigators of the assassination would be covered up, for of course the sniper was to have been liquidated promptly himself, though he was assured by his taskmasters that a getaway car would pick him up and speed him off to safety.

Romero's account abounds in telltale details, all of which smell CIA a mile away. He was given a Swiss passport in the name of Broeger, issued ostensibly on April 29, 1961 by the authorities of Geneva, a driver's license in the same name, a membership card of a private club in Geneva and a bank account in Lausanne. He was to receive for his mission a total of 200 million old francs (two million of the present currency), one half down, the balance after the killing. Before he left for Paris - the deal had been made in Algiers - the would-be assassin was handed a belt containing the equivalent of 50 million in German marks; the balance of the advance was deposited to his account in Lausanne.

However, Romero at the last moment had second thoughts, mainly, he says, because his chiefs in the OAS vetoed the idea. He also had a hunch that after the deed he himself would be disposed off quickly and so he welched on his contract. He returned to Lausanne, managed to get hold, by devious means, of the balance of the account and vanished to the Congo and from there to South America, where he has been living happily ever since as a prosperous rancher, thanks to the CIA's ill-spent money.

I have no doubt that the story is authentic, not only because all the details sound convincing, but also because it is the gist of a book that will soon be published by Plon, one of the largest and most respected of French publishing houses.

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* The reader who sent me this clipping from The Enquirer wrote in the margin: "He must have read your books!" - I would rather think not. I suppose Dr. Wecht, starting out from different, wholly scientific, premises and following the rules of his profession, simply arrived at identical, or near-identical conclusions as I because the evidence is so overwhelming.

In the lead paragraph of this article, L'Aurore expresses the view that Romero's disclosures are apt to "overturn a whole page of contemporary history, call the famous Warren Report in question again and lead to a new investigation of a possible conspiracy against Kennedy in the Dallas assassination."

I doubt that the effect of the book will be as big as all that, for as long as the CIA is firmly entrenched in Washington the chances are that all attempts to reopen the matter will be blocked one way or the other as has happened consistently in the past. Still, it's another step in the right direction.

Would McGovern Stand Up for the Truth About the Assassinations?

I rather doubt that, too, I am sorry to say. I like McGovern and I hope he'll win against all odds. But it would be rash to assume that he could be relied upon to pursue the truth. For there is in him a streak of naivité that bodes ill for the future in this respect. For instance, the New York Times reported on Sept. 17 that McGovern had called for the appointment of an "impartial" investigator such as Earl Warren or J. Lee Rankin to look into the Watergate scandal. Warren or Rankin!

According to the "Texas Observer" of Sept. 8, 1972, McGovern heaped absolutely fulsome praise on LBJ when he recently visited the "elder statesman of the Pedernales" in order to enlist his support. "Everyone here knows that we have some differences on the question of involvement in Vietnam," he said at the airport in Austin," but I am going out to visit a man whom I honor for the great dedication that he brought to making this country a better place in which to live. No president in the history of the country ever did more to advance the cause of education than Lyndon Johnson."

Hold on to your hat and read on: "We're going to visit a former president tomorrow who did more for conservation and the environment of this country than any president in the history of this land. We're going to visit a former first lady who more than any other American brought to our attention the importance of beautification, keeping this countrythe kind of lovely and beautiful place it ought to be. We're making this visit to honor a former president and his first lady who deserve honor."

That from "St. George" to the Usurper of Dallas, the stooge of the oil magnates, the mass murderer of Vietnam and the Nixon crony LBJ! Even the Houston Chronicle was disgusted, for it ran a cartoon that shows LBJ in cowboy attire applying a red-hot branding iron to the behind of a McGovern bending forward in distress, with this legend: " Ah don't hold your past criticisms against you, George. In fact, puttin' my brand on you is a pleasure." It sure must have been.

There were 32 Chileans aboard that Soviet airliner that recently crashed near Moscow airport, after an explosion, killing all 172 passengers and crew. They were not ordinary tourists, but were on a political mission. Now, who do you think would be dastardly enough to put a bomb on a crowded airliner for political advantage? Who but - ?

A Letter from Dr. Wecht

October 2, 1972

Dear Mr. Joesten:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the September 15th edition of Truth Letter.

I certainly appreciate your kind comments concerning my recent review and evaluation of the JFK materials.

At least, for the time being, the matter is still being kept alive. Let us hope that some significant new development or breakthrough will occur in the not too distant future.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(signed)

Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.

Well, so long, friends. I hope we get together again soon.